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Cycling celebration as tour comes to hills

THE Blackdown Hills is going cycling crazy in the lead up to the Tour of Britain race.

The race will pass through the Blackdown Hills on Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15th as part of the southwest stages of Britain's premier cycle

race.

At approximately 12noon on both race days, hundreds of cyclists are expected to pass through the Blackdown Hills.

The route on Tuesday will pass through Hem-yock, Dunkeswell and Awliscombe, and on Tuesday cyclists will make

By Lisa Bright

their way to Hem-yock via Culmstock from the west, pass through Staple Fitzpaine and will finish at Glastonbury.

In celebration of this, cycling enthusiasts are being encouraged to take part in number of events in the lead up to the race.

Wellington Town Council are celebrating the Tour of Britain by giving the annual town festival a cycling theme.

They are appealing for unusual bicycles for "festival fortnight" as part of the Wellington Experience later this month.

They are hoping people will bring along their unusual bikes and cycling contraptions to exhibit during the festival, which runs from Saturday, September 4th to Sunday, September 19th.

The town council have invested £2,000 in the festival and they hope the fortnight of cycling activities will attract thousands

of visitors to the town in the lead up to the Tour of Britain.

Cycle shop proprietor and President of Wellington Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Dennis King, will be loaning his Penny Farthing bike during the festival.

He said: "It would be great if anybody who owned any unusual bikes could get involved in the festival and either lend their equipment or give demonstrations of their cycles."

"It is fantastic that the Tour of Britain is coming to Wellington and the town council has organised the festival fortnight around it so we can not only enjoy a massive event on the cycling calendar but also get people enthusiastic about cycling."

"I would love to see cycling enthusiasts and local traders team up and join in the festival and make it something special."

Throughout the festival there will be competitions and special festival offers.

Cyclists of all ages and abilities from across the Blackdown Hills are also being encouraged to take part in a fun cycle ride in aid of Prostate Cancer on Sunday, September 5th.

The ride will follow stage four of the Tour of Britain race, Minehead to Teignmouth, and will pass through Wellington.

Blackdown Hills AONB Manager, Linda Bennett said: "The Blackdown

Hills are a fabulous area for cycling, whether racing, touring, training or simply exploring the hidden valleys and villages."

"We are delighted that the tour is coming through the area, not least because it will give the Blackdown Hills its due recognition as a top location for cycling in the south west."

For more information about the southwest stages of the Tour of Britain or the Prostate Cancer charity ride, visit www.tourofbritain.co.uk.



◆ KINGS Cycle proprietor Dennis King and shop manager Mike Taylor are pictured outside the shop in Wellington with a Penny Farthing bike and a retro Raleigh Chopper bicycle

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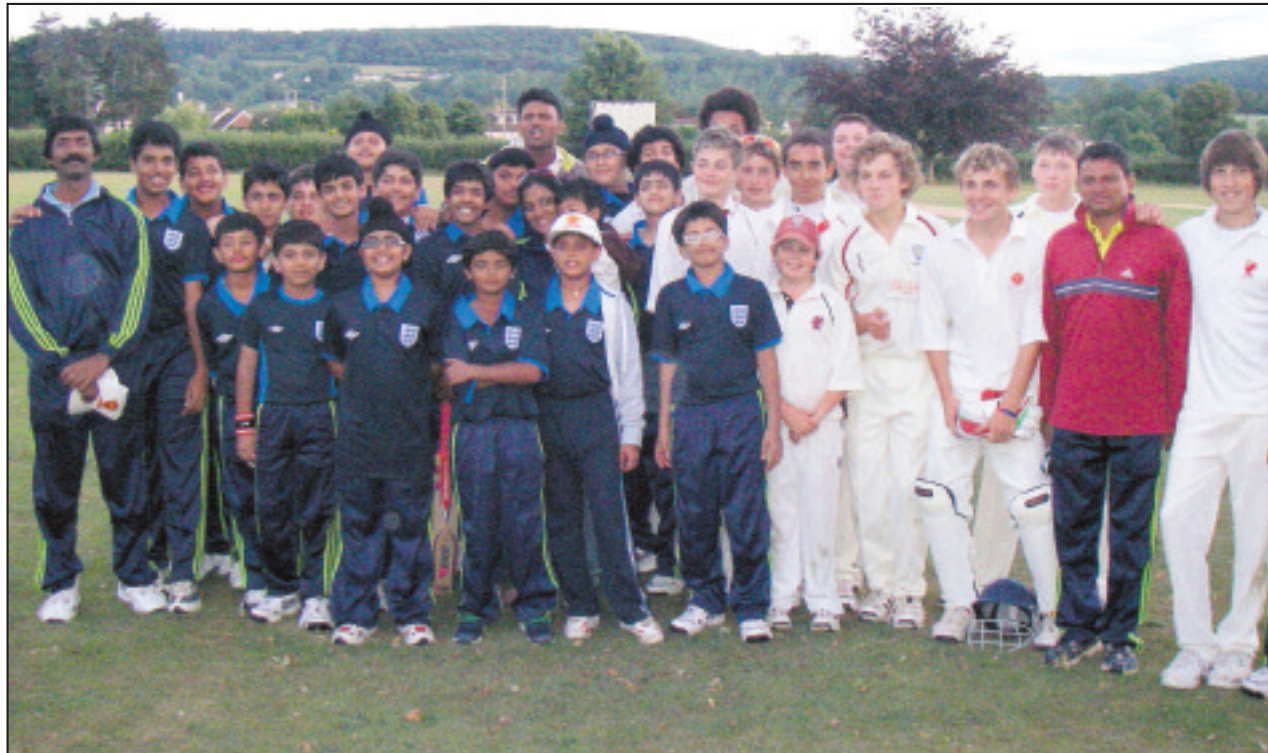
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◆ THE two teams meet at Sellicks Green, Blagdon Hill

‘England’ educate Indian friends in the art of cricket

Story by Basil Trump and photo by Harry Trump

BLAGDON Hill has staged its first “international” cricket match - a mini Test between England and India, so to speak - in one of the Blackdown Hills’ most attractive settings at Sellicks Green.

Two junior teams contested the match, with England - represented by the Taunton St James Under 15s side - recording a resounding 95-run win over India, in the form of the enthusiastic

pupils of St Gregorios International School from Mumbai.

The Indian lads were on a busy ten-day tour of the region in which they played eight games, that against St Andrew’s being the final one. The appreciative and well-behaved young players lived up to the school motto of “Education through Enlightenment” and enjoyed every moment of their trip.

The “education” part

of their motto was achieved through meeting local families and visits to local places of interest, including the Somerset county cricket ground in Taunton, and ended with a trip to London. The “enlightenment” came against a superior, but none the less friendly, team of St

Andrew’s lads.

The occasion, in which both sets of players also intermingled off the field, gave each side a glimpse of not only another culture, but the hospitality for which cricket is known worldwide.

Team manager Sanjay, an overseas player with Bagborough cricket club,

near Taunton, confirmed that the tour was so successful that a return trip is being planned for 2011.

For the record, St Andrew’s scored 161 - 3 in their allotted 20 overs, with three players Tom Chandler, Charles Solanki and Harry Trump each having to retire on 30.

St Gregorios were dismissed for 66 with only two players, openers Karankanath (30) and

Zubin (12) reaching double figures.

St Gregorios showed their appreciation with the presentation with miniature cricket bat replicas bearing the school crest to the St Andrew’s players and officials.

One was to the Sellicks Green groundsman Pete Barton who has worked wonders on the Blagdon Hill ground in recent years.

It’s Pimms o’clock for WI

◆ PICTURED are members of Hemyock WI happily preparing jugs of Pimms during a party to celebrate the Devon Federation of the Woman’s Institute’s 90th birthday. The event was held at the Longmead Centre, Hemyock where various games were played and members took part in a raffle.



New co-ordinator for Blackdowns' plan

A NEW co-ordinator has been appointed to help create a community plan for parishes within the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Catherine Bass, who has lived in the area for nearly 20 years, was selected by the Blackdown Hills Parishes Network to put the new plan together.

Catherine previously worked at Exeter University and was involved in the development of her village's parish plan.

She said: "I see the purpose of this plan as presenting a common voice for our most important issues. It is clear to me that that requests for much needed and



◆ THE new Blackdown Hills Community Plan Co-ordinator, Catherine Bass

achievable actions will carry much more weight if brought by larger, representative groups."

The Blackdown Hills Parishes Network is a group of 40 parishes which has come together to ad-

dress common issues, with support from the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership.

The group's chairman Heather Stallard added: "We recognise that each parish and community is different, with

their own priorities and aspirations, but there is strength in numbers and the idea is that by identifying common issues we can start to work together to address our own needs and make a strong case to the powers that be."

Hemyock gets its walkway

By Lisa Bright

HEMYOCK will finally get its raised walkway.

After years of hard work and planning by the parish council, Devon County Highways have agreed to install a new raised walkway over the floodplain at Millhayes.

Work started at the end of last month and is expected to take eight weeks to complete.

The walkway on the opposite side of the road was first installed by the milk factory in 1922 for workers to use.

However, over the years it has fallen into a complete state of disrepair, leaving villagers unable to pass the road during periods of high water, when the River Culm floods.

The parish council has been campaigning for the past five years to see the walkway rebuilt on the opposite side of the road, on land kindly donated by Jeff Ackland.

Money from the parish precept will be used to fund the walkway along with a donation from 106 money from the Bloors development at Millhayes.

Chairman of Hemyock Parish Council, Councillor Heather Stallard MBE

said it was terrific news that the village should finally get their walkway.

She said: "The parish has had to pay for the new walkway and will come from the parish precept. We held a parish survey 18-months-ago and this walkway was top of the list.

"Some have said that 99 percent of the time it

won't be flooded but it is a busy and narrow stretch of road and this is the only safe way of walking along the road. "It is absolutely terrific."

Devon CC Highways have also taken the opportunity to complete a number of issues surrounding Hemyock's

highways including fixing drainage problems at Station Road by the Culm Bridge.

This has resulted in what Councillor Stallard described as "traffic chaos" through the village as closures at Station Road has caused diversions for many motorists and particularly delivery lorries.

She said: "The county highways are working to cure a massive flooding problem on the north

side of the river bridge which has caused road closures. There are diversions in place and it has caused some disruption, but if it solves a major flooding issue, then we have to cope."

Other works carried out by the county highways include reinstating the Symondsburrow sign, a road sign by the war memorial and the 30mph sign at the Old Rectory.



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Crack down on anti social behaviour

POLICE in the Blackdown Hills have been cracking down on antisocial behaviour following feedback from the public.

Following a number of Partner's and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, police have been gathering information on what the public say are their top priorities, one of which is antisocial behaviour.

Following numerous reports of antisocial behaviour in Uffculme, around the square and school, officers from the Upper Culm police team have been tackling the issue.

A Criminal Anti Social Behaviour Order (CRASBO) has been sought against one juvenile offender and the police are working closely with the school to prevent further incidents.

Residents in Hemycok have also expressed anti social behaviour as one of their top priorities for police to tackle.

A number of incidents throughout the village have been reported, particularly in the Prowses and Station Road areas.

The Upper Culm police team are working closely with Mid Devon District Council in order to enforce tenancy agreements. Police have said a number of prosecutions have been made against some of the persons involved.

Film nights return

FOLLOWING a successful winter programme the popular film nights will return to Yacombe for a new season showing a number of blockbuster hits.

The film season will begin on Thursday, September 9th, with a screening of the Roman Polanski film "The Ghost Writer" starring Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan.

The evening starts at 7.30pm at the Jubilee Hall with a short film screening before the main film.

Tickets cost £5 and are available by phoning (01404) 861386 or (01404) 861541, or are available on the door.

Films will be shown throughout the winter every second Thursday of the month at the Jubilee Hall, Yacombe.

Dance in the great outdoors

LOCAL residents are being given the opportunity to take part in a unique arts project exploring the ancient hill fort of Castle Neroche in the Blackdown Hills.

Budding and experienced artists, dancers, musicians and film-makers will work alongside arts professionals to create a completely new contemporary dance piece, inspired by and performed within the landscape. There is even scope for local arts groups to get involved, such as choirs or dance troupes.

Creative Director Ella Huhne said: "We hope that you will join us to create a truly memorable performance at this site of outstanding natural beauty."

The project will kick off with a series of workshops (including two free taster sessions) through which participants will develop skills and

ideas, and will culminate in public performances at Castle Neroche on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th.

The workshops are open to everyone, aged eight plus, and participants can choose to take part in the whole project or selective workshops.

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to come along to one of the free taster workshops at the start in September to see if the project is for them and how they'd like to get involved.

The free taster workshops will take place on Saturday, September 4th and Tuesday, September 7th from 10am to 1pm at Castle Neroche.

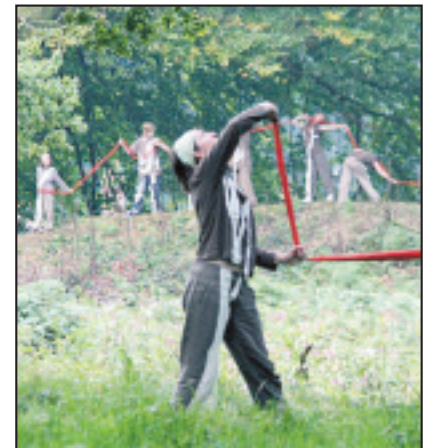
The Landance workshops will be held on Saturday, September 11th and Saturday, September 18th

from 10am to 1pm; Tuesday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 21st from 4pm to 6.30pm and Friday, September 24th from 4.30pm to 6.30pm all at Castle Neroche.

Landance 2010 Castle Neroche is funded by Arts Council England, Dance South West, Holyrood Community School, Somerset County Council and the "Give it A Go" scheme and is part of a three year project bringing the arts into the great outdoors at some of the area's most beautiful landmarks.

The final event will bring together performers from Dorset, Devon and Somerset to celebrate the Cultural Olympiad in 2012.

Further information is available from www.landance.org.uk. To book a place ring 07807 052515 or email: ella@landance.org.uk.



◆ PARTICIPANTS at previous Landance events

Bowled over

HUSBAND and wife duo, Roy and Margery Harkness from Buckland St Mary, took top honours in the Bishopswood Short Mat Bowls Club's annual championships.

Overall club champion was Margery Harkness, who also won the ladies' section (runner-up Margaret Bollen).

Husband Roy won the men's section (runner-up Peter Hall).

Winners of the steward's cup were Owen Gigg and Rene Marker (runners-up Ray Sparks and Sylvia Cottey).

Pictured at the presentation of trophies are, left to right, Sylvia Cottey, Rene Marker, Margaret Bollen, Margery Harkness, Chas Barker (chairman), Roy Harkness, Peter Hall, Owen Gigg and Ray Sparks.



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A taste of harvest

A BLACKDOWN Hills farm will be throwing open its gates for educational fun for schoolchildren.

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They will learn about all processes, from seed sowing, right through to the harvest of crops, thanks to the help of local farmers

and volunteers.

All farming methods will be demonstrated, including growing cereals and crops, cultivating and ploughing with both modern day and traditional techniques on show.

At the end of the session, children will have the chance to make their own bread using Staple Farm grain.

The Taste the Harvest event will take place on Monday, September 20th and Tuesday, September 21st from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

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Blackdown Healthy Living Centre hosts open day

THE newly built centre for healthy living in the Blackdown Hills threw open their doors last month to show off their facilities and give people a taste of what's on offer.

The Blackdown Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock held the first of a series of open days giving people across the

By Lisa Bright

hills the opportunity to see what's on offer at the centre.

Over 100 people came to view the facilities and talk to the volunteers and staff who work there.

"Last time I came here, this was a fire-blackened wreck of a building, now it's fantastic," said Hemyock resident Julie Steed. "These facilities will make a big difference to the community."

The BHLC is the brainchild of the Healthy Living in the Community Committee and Dr Jonathan Meads, retired head of the Blackdown Practice.

He said: "The primary care system (the NHS) is largely geared towards waiting until you become ill, then curing or caring for you.

"This is about keeping you healthy, to try and prevent illness in the first place. It is aimed at all sections of the community. It's a much cheaper, more effective and more fun way of keeping people healthy."

Facilities at the BHLC include a gym, canteen, training areas and meeting rooms, complementary therapy rooms,

kitchen and a day care centre for the elderly.

The centre will be expanded in the future to offer facilities for the youth including a music room and hall, where they hope to offer workshops.

Money for the project came, for the most part, from Devon County Council's Exeter Airport Fund.

Trustee of the BHLC Roger Lambert said: "This is for the whole of the Blackdowns, not just Hemyock.

"The ideas behind current buzzwords like citizenship skills and the Big Society are not new, and they contain a lot of common sense. We have been working towards this for years, and are now in a position to really make a difference."

For further information see www.tbhlc.org.uk or phone Anne Monk on (01823) 680687



◆ JULIE Steed and Penny Lawrence discuss some of the photos in the archive



◆ DR Jonathan Meads discussing the facilities with residents over a cup of tea

Tricky Trekkers return to help air ambulance

HUNDREDS of runners and walkers will be returning to the Blackdown Hills this autumn to help raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA).

It will be the second year that the DSAA has held its fund-raising Trickey Warren Trek event over a mix of 10k, 4k, and 2k routes for serious and fun runners alike.

The trek takes place on Sunday, September 19th, at Culmhead, a former Second World War fighter airfield between Chard and Taunton, in Somerset.

Last year, more than 200 runners and walkers took part and £10,000-plus was raised for the life-saving Air Ambulance service

For 2010, there will again be a 2k family friendly 'fun run' and 4k and 10k individual runs which will be open for all, plus the Milsted Langdon Team Challenge for groups of four people who are not part of a registered running

club

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance charity manager Charlotte Routley said: "Each year we have to raise £1.4 million without receiving any Government or Lottery funding.

"We rely entirely on the public to support us and events like the Trickey Warren Trek help to bring in the funds we need to keep on saving lives."

The Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and has attended more than 7,300 emergencies since its launch, saving many lives with the speed at which casualties have been taken to hospital.

Entry forms for the Trickey Warren Trek 2010 can be downloaded from the DSAA website at www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk, or can be obtained by emailing info@dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk or calling 01823 669604.



◆ SOME of the people who took part in the first Trickey Warren Trek fund-raising event for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance last year

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Bustling Blackdowns marquee 'best in show'



◆ **MORE** than 20,000 visitors flocked to this year's show to see the livestock on show

BUSINESSES from across the Blackdown Hills were well represented at this year's Honiton Show.

Feedback from visitors to the Blackdown Hills marquee was that it was the best marquee at the show.

More than 50 businesses were represented with trade stands and information stalls, including The Blackdown Hills AONB, Blackdown Hills Business Association, Making it Local and the Neroche Scheme, Hollies Trout Farm and Fishery, Lake View Manor, Wallace's Farm Shop, The Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust and Wild-side Experience.

First prize for Best Stand in the marquee went to the Woolly Shepherd and Woolly Waste from Dunkeswell.

Val Baker from the Blackdown Hills Business Association said: "It is a challenging time for many businesses who are having to work harder than ever to find new customers. The Blackdown Hills marquee gives local businesses an excellent shop window for their quality products and services."

"Around 7,000 visitors passed through our marquee visiting an array of businesses from the area."

More than 20,000 visitors flocked through the gates at the annual Honiton Show, which was held last month.



◆ **THE Woolly Shepherd** Val Grainger with her stand which won first prize in the marquee



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◆ THE Blackdown Hills AONB spread the word



◆ STAFF from Barleymows Farm Shop, near Chard enjoyed their day at the show



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Business association dinner

THE Blackdown Hills Business Association will be holding its annual AGM and dinner next month.

All local businesses are invited to attend the AGM

£3,600 for church

A VILLAGE fete has raised more than £3,600 for the parish church.

The 110th annual Angersleigh Fair attracted over 475 people and was opened by the rector, The Reverend Doctor Adrian Youings.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was music from The Sapphire Band from Wellington.

The fair raised £3,600 for the 900-year-old parish church of St Michael and All Angels.

and dinner, which will be held at Lakeview Manor, near Dunkeswell, on Thursday, October 14th.

The AGM and dinner gives local business owners the opportunity to meet other business owners and find out about the benefits the BHBA can offer.

It also gives businesses leaders the chance to let the BHBA know about their businesses developments and they can gain some help and useful information about running a business.

The guest speaker for the dinner will be announced nearer the time.

The AGM will commence at 6.30pm followed by a presentation at 7.15pm and dinner at 7.45pm.

For full details about the event and to see the menu, visit the BHBA's website, www.bhba.org.uk.

Working our Woodlands

with John Greenshields

I HAVE recently visited a beautiful woodland near Axminster with a wide range and type of trees, and was pleasantly surprised to find a number of Elm trees with some over 20-years-old.

They must somehow have beaten disease or become immune or as the valley is very secluded may have just missed it either way a nice surprise.

There are a lot of Hazel nuts about this year.

Does that mean a hard or mild winter? I never know which, but I will be collecting some.

I stored some last year

in my potato shed but a squirrel helped himself to the lot. I am storing them in a steel container this time!

I have heard of a woodland owner who made the mistake of dragging some quite sizeable fallen oaks from his wood to be put on a mill recently.

Mill owners will not accept dragged trees because of the danger of stones forced into the wood.

If you have to drag, try to lift one end off the ground as high as possible, with the worst end

on the ground, then you can cut the worst end off when it is at its destination.

We have just started our Rack Saw up after the Woodland Fair and were cutting a 60cm dia Oak from our wood, when it hit something in the centre of the tree.

It was a lead ball approximately 1.5cm dia. We reckon it's a musket ball, Dick Turpin and all that.

If you are thinking of planting this winter it's well worth contacting the Woodland Trust as they are funding planting pro-



grammes with little or no strings attached.

My usual contacts are (01823) 660764 or parkfarm@tinyonline.co.uk

Green venture for the Morgans as they launch solar energy business

A NEW business has been launched in the Blackdown Hills offering solar electrical systems and energy saving services.

Intelligent Energy South West, which is based in Hemyock, is run by Richard Morgan, 33, who lives in the village with his wife Katie, and their baby son Rowan.

Launching his own business has long been a dream for Richard, an experienced electrician who also studied climate change as part of his first class degree in ocean science from Bangor University.

His work designing and building electrical systems has taken him all over the UK, from the Edinburgh Playhouse and an outdoor art installation in the Shetland Isles, to factory fit outs in the North East and homes and businesses all over the



◆ RICHARD Morgan with son Rowan

Westcountry.

To make the move into renewable energy, Richard trained at the renowned Centre of Alternative Technology at Machynlleth in Wales.

He said: "I've always wanted to be able to use both my engineering experience and my interest in science and the environment.

"Launching my own business seemed the ideal way to combine

my skills and offer something really high quality."

Since the introduction of the government's feed-in tariff, which guarantees to pay the owners of solar photovoltaic systems for the electricity they produce, there has been a boom in interest in renewable energy.

Richard is happy to chat to anyone who is interested in finding out more about solar

electricity systems, including the feed-in tariff, the likely financial returns, and available grants and loans.

Intelligent Energy also offers energy saving audits, and can upgrade conventional electrical systems with the latest technology to make homes and premises as energy efficient as possible.

For more information, contact Richard on 01823 681391.



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Bat surveys get the go ahead thanks to AONB funding

TWO bat survey projects will be go ahead in the Blackdowns Hills, thanks to support from the AONB's Sustainable Development Fund.

Both Devon and Somerset Wildlife Trusts have been successful in their bids for funding to carry out surveys of bat populations.

While it is known that the mosaic of habitats found in the Blackdowns is favourable to bats, there is a lack of data about current numbers, species and locations.

Bats require extensive, varied territories and thrive in areas rich in insects and beetles. Knowledge of bat populations can therefore tell us lot about the health of the natural environment.

Bat numbers in the UK have plummeted in recent times as a result of pesticide use, habitat loss, and the destruction of roosts and hibernation sites. The surveys should give an indication of whether work to improve habitats in the Blackdown Hills in recent years has been successful.

It is hoped that following initial work at specific locations, the projects will be extended to cover the whole of the AONB.

Picture of Pipistrelle bat by Hugh Clark



New cycle routes around the hills

The AONB is introducing a series of eight new cycling routes, and is celebrating with a launch event in Wellington.

The idea is to encourage more people to get on their bikes and see the Blackdown Hills from a new perspective.

The on-road routes pass through lovely Blackdowns scenery, taking in Wellington monument, Culmstock Beacon and Otterhead Lakes. They are mainly on quiet country lanes and are suitable for families.

The routes will be launched officially in Wellington on September 5th, to co-ordinate with the Prostate Cancer Charity ride which also passes through the town on

the route of the Tour of Britain on September 11th.

The AONB team will be joined by high profile supporters of local cycling as well as the Taunton Tweeds, riding splendid old-fashioned bicycles and sporting elegant vintage outfits.

All eight routes will be available to download from www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk.



◆ CYCLING in the Blackdown Hills

Green energy conference

THE Blackdown Hills AONB is holding a conference on renewable energy this month.

The programme will feature speakers from three local organisations which have recently fitted green energy installations. There will also be expert presentations on the opportunities created by the landscape of the Blackdown Hills, and the suitability of different technologies.

The Blackdown Hills AONB team recently commissioned a special report into the potential

for producing renewable energy in the area, which will be launched at the conference.

It is hoped that the gathering will stimulate plenty of discussion and ideas, and will be the first step towards a co-ordinated approach to renewable energy within the AONB.

"Green energy for a living landscape" takes place on September 11th 2010 at Stockland Village Hall near Honiton.

Contact the AONB team for more information, or see our website.



Welcome Kim



◆ **KIM Goonesekera has been appointed as the AONB's new project co-ordinator, taking over from Nickie Moore.**

Kim joins us from a role at Sustrans where she worked on the creation of the Stop Line Way, a long-distance walking and cycle route from Seaton to Weston-super-Mare.

Kim said: "There's a real variety of projects going on in the Blackdowns at the moment so I'm really looking forward to getting involved and helping to make a difference."

Money available for local projects

MAKING it Local is calling for more local projects to apply for money.

Since 2009 the fund has supported 23 projects with a total of £588,990 but more projects are needed.

There is over £250,000 available this year and more next year.

If you run a business or community group located in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon AONBs and the surrounding area, you may be eligible for our funding.

We can support projects that raise business performance and local employment, support communities and connections or make the most of local resources. Grants of £1,000-£100,000 are available.

Contact us if you have a project idea, need guidance on how to apply or want to book on one of our popular funding workshops.

12 October 2010 - Making it Local Autumn Update Event.

Find out about our funding, talk to live projects and help us plan for next year.

18 October 2010 - Next application deadline.

Blackdown Hills AONB, Neroche and Making it Local, St Ivel House, Station Road, Hemyock, EX15 3SJ

The Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership is funded by Natural England, Devon County Council, Somerset County Council, East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council and South Somerset District Council.

The Neroche Scheme is led by the Forestry Commission. It is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, supported by the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership, Natural England, Devon County Council, Somerset County Council, East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council and South Somerset District Council, The National Trust, Somerset Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation and Somerset Art Works

Making it Local is a locally managed grants scheme in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon AONB areas incorporating funding from the EU, Defra, South West RDA and Leader+



Busy month for WI

MANY visitors were welcomed to the August meeting by president Gill Dennis who asked for one minute's silence in memory of a founder member, Alice Clapp, who died in July.

In the absence of the secretary, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Gloria Dobinson.

The organisers of last month's outings were thanked, Sally Milnes for the coach trip to Bath, Linda Knowles for the lunch at The Old Well and Pernelle Rowe for the "Theatre in the Park" evening at Escot. Ann Salmon asked for names of those interested in going to Westonbirt Arboretum in the autumn. The president reminded the members that the Christmas meal needed to be booked soon and wanted suggestions for a venue.

The procedure for the annual WI bursary was explained by Gloria Dobinson and applicants invited. The financial report was outlined by treasurer Pernelle Rowe and members were reminded that the annual subscription was once again being increased by the National Federation of the Women's Institute.

Fleur Layzell described her unexpected get together with other WI members from different areas on her recent cruise to the Falklands.

The treatments available to all who live in the Blackdown Hills at the Healthy Living Centre in Hemyock were listed by Ann Salmon and she will try to arrange a speaker from the Centre to give the members more information.

Andrea Ledger from St Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil and Taunton gave an enlightening talk on the work done by the organisation and showed a very moving DVD of patients and staff.

The competition of an unusual headband was won by Meg Sparks and Anne Slater's Gladioli was the "Flower of the Month".

The September Meeting, which will include a fashion show, will be held on September 2nd at Smeatharpe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

In October the Annual Meeting will take place with a Bring and Buy stall.

All will be welcome on both dates.

Quartz Arts Festival line-up announced

A NUMBER of top musicians, comedians and speakers will be coming to the Queen's College Taunton for the annual Quartz Arts Festival.

Courtney Pine, a legend in British jazz and blues, headlines at this year's Quartz Arts Festival in Taunton.

"Courtney's career goes back almost 30 years but I'm fairly certain this is his first Taunton gig and we're

thrilled to have him play," said festival director Keith Wheatley.

Comedy on the opening night of the festival, October 6th, comes from the veteran stand-up Lee Hurst. For almost 10 years Lee was the mainstay of the jokey sports quiz "They Think It's All Over". Since then he's worked the comedy circuit from Edinburgh to the News Quiz, drawing sell-out crowds all over the UK.

Minister, constituency MP, novelist, radio and TV star; there are barely enough labels to describe Anne Widdecombe's extraordinary career. She retired from the House of Commons – with perfect timing – at the recent general election but is still a star of public life and speaks at Quartz on the first Monday of the festival.

Miss Widdecombe is no fan of overly slick media

pundits – but then neither is former BBC journalist and newsreader Peter Sissons whose forthcoming book chronicles the increasing sleaziness and sloppiness of a great deal of the so-called "24-hour news cycle". Mr Sissons is doing a Q&A on Saturday night in the Queen's Hall.

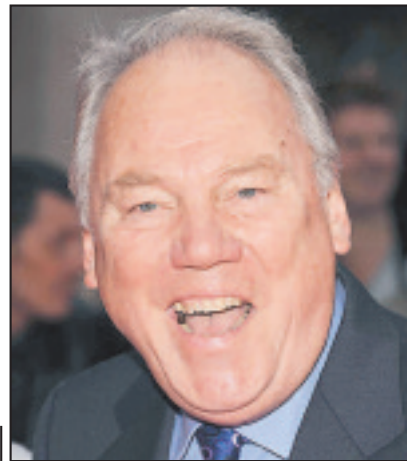
And on the last night of the festival, Hit Me With Your Rhythm Stick! Rock star Ian Dury has been dead for almost 20 years but here's a unique West Country chance to see the recent West End play about his bizarre life and times.

The Quartz Arts Festival will take place from Wednesday, October 6th until Saturday, October 16th at the Queen's College, Taunton.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.quartzfestival.org.uk or phone (01823) 340829.



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Beautiful blooms on show



◆ CUP winners show off their prizes

BUCKLAND St Mary Village Hall was ablaze with colour as villagers displayed their beautiful blooms for the annual show.

But it was not only flowers on display as residents proudly showed off their prize-winning vegetables, skills in the kitchen and handy work in crafts section with a whole range of classes to suit everybody's abilities.

The cup winners are as follows:

The Sylvia Langhorne Cup for the best hybrid tea Rose - Ann Kennard.

The Yarty Gardening Club cup for the best hydrangea - Cindy Beaumont.

The George Whitefield Cup for the judges' choice in the floral art section - Ann Hales.

RBL Local Class cup for the most points in section A - Ann Hales.

Two Freds Cup for the best vegetable exhibit - J Wilde.

Tyburn Cup for runner beans - Peter Reed.

Goblet for best exhibit in the fruit and vegetable section - Carol Jones.

RBL Cup for the most points in the fruit and vegetable section - Linda Doble.

Blackwater Cup for the best exhibit in the homecraft section - Ann Hales.

Castle Cup for fruit scones - Julie Farmer.

Forest Cup for carrot cake - Barbara Board.

Buckland St Mary Flower Show for men only farmhouse fruit cake - Gordon Board.

Decanter Cup for sloe gin - Peter Reed and Laura Reed.

Challenge Cup for the most points in the homecraft section - Barbara Board.

KSB Cup for the most points in the photography section and the judges' choice photo - Charles Hill

Handicraft Cups for the judges' choice in the craft sections - Rosemary Ward-Smith and William Kennard.

Blackdown Shield for the most points in the show - Barbara Board

Will Kennard said: "In spite of the very difficult year in the gardens, the 2010 Buckland St Mary Flower Show was, as usual, a success and the judges commented on the consistently high quality of the entries in all classes."

The Tour of Britain



The two stages will be held on Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday 15th September 2010

Tour of Britain Through the Blackdown Hills

The Tour of Britain is the UK's biggest professional bicycle race and a centrepiece of the British sporting calendar, attracting over a million spectators to the roadside in 2008, and hundreds of thousands more on television and via the internet.

The Tour returned after a five-year absence in 2004, quickly re-establishing itself as the main event in the British cycling calendar. Ranked at the 2.1 category by the UCI and initially held over five days, by 2008 The Tour of Britain had grown to become an eight-day event, allowing it to visit more parts of the UK than ever before.

Every year some of the world's top cyclists compete on British roads for the right to wear the yellow jersey. Over the

past five years, Olympic, World and Commonwealth Champions have ridden The Tour of Britain, alongside stage and jersey winners from all three Grand Tours.

The race has proved successful for British riders too, with Mark Cavendish, Roger Hammond and Olympic Gold Medallist Paul Manning all winning stages in recent editions of the race.

Cavendish is just one of a number of young riders, like Andy Schleck, Romain Feillu and Ben Swift who have been successful in The Tour of Britain before going on to have even greater success in some of the world's biggest races, showing the importance of The Tour in the world cycling calendar.

Devon and Somerset will be showing that they are premier destinations for serious cyclists as The Tour of Britain takes in the stunning settings and challenging terrain of the South West.

Beginning in the market town of Tavistock, riders will be plunged straight into the day's opening climb, taking them up to Merrivale on the edge of Dartmoor. There'll be no time to look at the Bronze Age megalithic stones that the area is famous for, as Stage Five continues on across the moor to Princetown, the highest town on the moor and famous for Dartmoor Prison, and Postbridge, known for its Grade II listed clapper bridge that spans the East Dart river.

Continuing along across the spectacular Dartmoor to Moretonhampstead, The Tour then heads out towards the edge of the National Park at Whiddon Down. The route then keeps close to the park boundary, briefly dipping back in before the opening Sprint at Cheriton Bishop, and then on to visit the suburbs of Exeter for the second day. This time The Tour takes to the north of the city, heading north up the Exe Valley on the A396, before turning right through the villages of Silverton and Bradninch and into Cullompton for the day's second

intermediate Sprint.

After Cullompton the route crosses the M5 and once again begins to roll, heading into Hemyock and up the short and very steep Coombe Hill, which the riders will have descended during Stage Four. Soon after the summit The Tour waves goodbye to Devon for 2010 and returns to Somerset as it runs along the Blackdown Hills.

Passing close to Chard, location for a stage start in 2008, The Tour heads through Ilminster and onto the flats of the Somerset Levels, an area of rich biodiversity containing over thirty Sites of Special Scientific Interest. The final hot spot Sprint at Langport comes just over twenty kilometres from the finish, with the run-in taking The Tour through Somerton and into the ancient town of Glastonbury, famous for its Tor, its music festival and now for hosting The Tour of Britain.

The Tour will race into town from the south, passing close to the foot of Glastonbury Tor, topped by the remains of St Michael's Church, before finishing in the centre of Glastonbury.



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Film premiere

THE "world film premiere" of life in a group of Blackdown Hill's villages during the 1940s is being staged this month.

The DVD is made from old archive film and features all aspects of the lives of villagers at Pitminster and Corfe and how they were coping with life during the Second World War and the years that followed it.

The film, created from 8mm film taken by the Somerset county architect of the time, Mr R O Harris, will be premiered at the Old School, Pitminster at 5pm on Sunday, September 12th. A big attendance is expected.

It shows many local landmarks including Poundisford Park, the view over the village millpond at Pitminster, the old White Lion Inn in Blagdon Hill, complete with buses of the day, and includes the village blacksmith at his forge in Corfe and local farmers working their land.

The village school at Pitminster also plays an important part in the film and includes film of pupils getting their school dinners.

Featured in the DVD is the congregation leaving Pitminster church with the vicar, the Reverend Freeman and his wife, together with their daughter Miss Mary Freeman who, although now aged 102 and living in Staplehay, still attends weekly church services in Pitminster.

Hemyock garden show

THE Hemyock Gardener's Association's autumn show will take place later this month.

A whole host of vegetable related events will take place throughout the afternoon in celebration on the Royal Horticultural Society's "Dig Together Day".

The will be tomato tasting and a treasure hunt as well as a display of sunflowers grown by children at Hemyock Primary School.

Schedules of classes for the show are available from the church porch or from Lizzie at the Rectory, Hemyock.

The autumn show will take place on Saturday, September 4th at the parish hall from 2pm, although the hall will be open at 12.30pm for ploughman's lunches.

Blooming marvellous show

ALTHOUGH numbers were slightly down this year, exhibits at the annual Yacombe Flower Show didn't disappoint.

Organisers reported there were down by only 10 exhibitors and judges had the challenge of judging more than 600 exhibits on display.

The potato dig competition was once again well supported with visitors to the hall gathering outside to watch as the diggers tipped out each container and rummaged through the soil to unearth the pro-

duce.

The photograph classes were among the most supported this year with a total of 49 entries over the three classes, "This Green and Pleasant Land" having the greatest share with 17 entries.

A new award was created this year entitled the "Dorothy Baker Rose Bowl" which was donated to the flower show by the WI when they disbanded. This award will be presented each year for the best jar of preserves in the cookery section. The

first recipient was Pam Foxwell for her blackcurrant jelly.

Show secretary Veronica Wadley said: "On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the judges for casting their expert eyes over the entries and for giving up their time on a Saturday morning.

"Thank you also to all those who contributed to the day by way of assistance with preparation, setting up, serving teas or clearing away, and of course you, the ex-

hibitors, who always rise to the occasion and with your imagination, horticultural abilities and talent provide the village with a wonderful display of exhibits each year. Thank you."

Perpetual Cups and Awards:

Ewins Flower Section Cup: R Davies.

G & J Dyer Runner-up Cup: J Ewins.

Mrs English Produce Cup: R Davies.

Tony Spiller Runner-up Trophy: R Everitt.

Salter Rose Bowl: A Haines.

Flower Show Committee Cookery Cup: P Foxwell.

Carl Clarke Handicraft Cup: A Bannister.

Jim Miller Shield: R Davies.

Tony Spiller Children's Plaques & Gift Vouchers:

Under 5 Years - Imogen Stanley;

5-7 Years - Lydia Stanley;

8-10 Years - Emily Bristol;

11 Years & Over - Beverley Long & Emma Dyer.

Stone Trophy for the 'Most Impressive Exhibit' in the Children's Section: Imogen Stanley for her Finger/Hand Painting.

Dorothy Baker Rose Bowl: P Foxwell (Blackcurrant Jelly).

2000 People's Choice



◆ PRIZE winners collect their awards

Trophy: D Jones (Cross Stitch Picture in Any Other Handicraft category).

Silver Goblets awarded to 'Best in Section': Flowers - B Oliver (Best Cut Flower from my Garden), Produce - R Davies (Shallots), Flower Arrangement - A Haines (Arrangement in a Tea Strainer), Cookery - V Wadley (Elderflower Cor-

dial), Handicraft - J Ewins (Photograph - "Autumn")

Potato Dig: Adult Section: 1st Frank Wale (2.520 kgs); 2nd Doreen Parris (2.260 kgs); 3rd John Salter (1.910 kgs)

Junior Section: 1st Beau Matthews (3.465 kgs); 2nd Robert Dyer (1.255 kgs); 3rd Lola Podbery (1.190 kgs)



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◆ AS part of their 60th anniversary celebrations, Dunksell WI held a fork supper at the Throgmorton Community Hall last month.

More than 50 members and guests, some in fancy dress, enjoyed the delicious food provided by the ladies, and spent the remainder of the evening dancing to music from the 1950s and 1960s.

What's on in the Blackdown Hills

GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR 2010 DANCE PERFORMANCES AT SOMERSET HILL FORT

If you are looking for an excellent fun and action packed day out for all the family, you'll love the Great Dorset Steam Fair. Traditionally this English fair is held at the village of Tarrant Hinton, near Blandford Forum in the heart of the beautiful Dorset countryside. Further directions are superfluous. Just find the village on the map, head in that direction and follow everyone else!

From small beginnings this annual event has become one of the favoured places for those interested in how people lived, worked and played in bygone years and it is now widely recognised as "THE" National Heritage Show as well as being regarded as the leading show of its type in the World. The spectacle covers an enormous showground, at over 600 acres being one of Europe's largest outdoor event locations.

2010 sees the show in its 42nd year and will take place from

1st - 5th September inclusive. If its heritage related, you'll find it. You can stand amazed at the variety of exhibitions and the sheer scale of the show means that there is always something new to see. For the first time visitor seeing the Great Dorset Steam Fair can be quite an awe inspiring and impressive site, a sea of marquees and attractions that can take your breath for a moment.

Once on site you can watch the steaming giants of the past being put through their paces; some hauling huge loads, others sawing planks or doing the farm work of long ago, such as driving ploughs, threshing or baling. One of the main features is the old time steam driven funfair. Annually, over 50 showmen's engines with their gleaming twisted brass can be seen generating the light and power for the old carousels and swingboats to operate. This makes for a fascinating spectacle especially at

night where the venue transforms into a magical, electric city. To add to the excitement several of the large fair organs in the main outdoor entertainment area are fronted by authentic 1920's style stage shows with traditional "Can Can" dancing girl performances and other acts.

Vintage, veteran and classic cars, lorries, military vehicles, tractors, motorcycles and bikes all find a place in the cavalcade and if it's possible to fight your way through the crowds to the bottom showfield, you'll find the working heavy horses. Country crafts from thatchers to cider makers and memorabilia collections of all kinds are also well represented. Over 500 trade stands provide an endless variety of goods to purchase. There are also four massive entertainment pavilions and an outdoor concert stage area, each with its own programme of live music and its own range of na-

tional and local ales/beers. Dine at one of the splendid food stalls across the showground which offer both fast foods and delicacies from a wide choice of traditional and exotic meals or snacks; or you may prefer a rustic cheese ploughmans while sampling the delights of a local cider.

It's not all old time! For our younger visitors take a white knuckle ride on one of the country's biggest travelling modern funfairs. Rides expected include a Giant Wheel, Log Flume, Spinning Roller Coaster, Drop Tower and Reverse Bungee.

The Great Dorset Steam Fair is a typically British event offering a unique blend of nostalgia and entertainment. The World's largest heritage and cultural event showcasing our national industrial, agricultural and leisure history. Come and soak up the special festival atmosphere whether as a day visitor or taking in the full five days by camping on site. There is no other event like it anywhere in the world which is why over 200,000 visitors attend each year from both the UK and abroad. Visit this colourful show once and you'll be hooked for life. You must go!

Please visit our website www.gdsf.co.uk for further details or contact the Show Office on 01258 860361 for a brochure.

All are invited to the public performances of Landance 2010, Castle Neroche; a completely new contemporary dance piece, at Castle Neroche on Saturday 25th and Sunday, September 26th. Audiences will be challenged to soak up the atmosphere at this unique landmark, where dance, live music and visual art will fuse with the sights and sounds of nature.

The new dance piece has been created by local dancers, musicians, visual/textile artists and film-makers of all ages, working alongside arts professionals, who have used the landscape as both inspiration and ultimately as a natural performance space. The project has been made possible thanks to funding from Arts Council England, Dance South West, Holyrood Community School, Somerset County Council and the 'Give it a Go' scheme.

Creative director Ella Huhne says "This spectacular site is the perfect location for this unique dance event, unlocking local talent as part of the Cul-



tural Olympiad 'Count Me In' weekend. We look forward to welcoming as many people as possible to experience the final performances"

Performance dates are Saturday 25th September and Sunday 26th September. Both performances start at 4pm. Admission is free, programmes will be on sale.

Promenade performances, so please wear sensible footwear. Bring a picnic for after the show.

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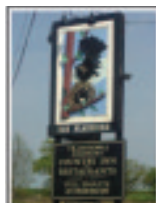
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- The 2.2-litre 150PS TD4 and 190 PS SD4 automatics see a 14 per cent improvement in CO2 emissions to 185g/km and a matching fuel economy improvement delivering 40.4mpg
- Revised exterior with new front bumper assembly plus three new colour schemes and new alloy wheel options
- Interior tweaks with new instrument dials and Premium Pack option
- Customers offered more choice with addition of 2WD eD4 derivatives
- Frugal eD4 model capable of 47.2mpg and 158g/km CO2
- Improved intelligent Stop/Start technology as standard on manual transmission

THE 2011 FREELANDER 2 model range, on sale in the UK from the end of September 2010, benefits from a new 2.2-litre diesel engine available with either 150PS or 190PS outputs, a new look exterior plus interior alterations including new instrument dials and a new Premium Pack option.

Land Rover's new turbo diesel engine is available in the 4WD TD4 150PS model featuring a manual transmission and intelligent Stop/Start technology as standard (an automatic gearbox without Stop/Start is available as a cost option), or the new SD4 model delivering 190PS (available in automatic transmission only).

This new engine is quieter, more efficient and both derivatives have 20Nm more torque than the outgoing engine. This means the 2011 Freelander 2 offers improved engine response and more mid-range strength for towing. CO2 emissions have been significantly reduced to

165g/km and 185g/km respectively with corresponding fuel economy benefits.

However, despite reductions in consumption and emissions, there has been no compromise in performance. The flagship 190PS Freelander SD4 accelerates from rest to 60mph in 8.7 seconds with an increased top speed of 118mph. The Freelander 150PS TD4 manual and automatic versions match the performance of their predecessors.

As well as being upgraded from EU4 to EU5, both versions have a new variable geometry turbocharger and have been extensively re-calibrated to deliver new levels of power, meet emissions regulations and reduce CO2 emissions. They are fitted with a catalysed diesel particulate filter as standard and are now compatible with 10 per cent biodiesel rather than 5 per cent.

As an addition to the Freelander 2 range, Land Rover will also offer customers a 2WD derivative, available in the UK from January 2011. This will be called the Freelander 2 eD4 and it will be the most efficient Land Rover ever produced, with fuel consumption of 47.2mpg combined, and CO2 emissions of just 158g/km.

"The new Freelander 2 eD4 moves Land Rover into the hugely popular and fiercely contested two wheel-drive SUV market," said Land Rover managing director Phil Popham. "The European market for two-wheel drive SUVs represents 23 percent of the segment and we intend to compete strongly here."

"A 2WD option is just one way in which we are developing our vehicles' efficiency whilst adding to the Land Rover range and expanding our appeal to a broader group of customers. We will continue to make the 'world's finest all-terrain vehicles' for those customers who require 4WD but will also now offer an alternative."

This groundbreaking Freelander 2 eD4 is powered by the new 2.2-litre turbo diesel engine, delivering 150PS. It is only available with a six-speed manual transmission featuring Stop/Start technology as standard.

The exterior of the latest Freelander 2 gets a new look for 2011. Marked out by a new front bumper assembly incorporating new front fog lamp bezels, a new front grille finish, improved



headlights and tail lamps, new full width tailgate appliqué and new 18- or 19-inch alloy wheel styles. There are three new colour schemes for 2011 Kosrae Green, Baltic Blue and Fuji White.

Inside the cabin, Land Rover's design team have revised the instrument dials, and there are

four new seat styles with the option of a Premium Pack that includes Windsor Leather upholstery, an 8/6 way electric seat, plus premium carpet mats and covered centre stowage.

The 4WD TD4 and SD4 models are on sale in the UK from the end of September.

Land Rover double header at the Auto Express 2010 new car awards

Land Rover's award-winning Freelander 2 and Discovery 4 models have reigned supreme once again at the prestigious Auto Express 2010 New Car Awards, with the Freelander 2 winning Best Compact SUV and the Discovery 4 scooping Best Large SUV.

The Freelander 2 fought off strong competition from the likes of the Audi Q5 while the Discovery 4 triumphed over the BMW X5.

Auto Express Road Test editor, Ross Pinnock, said of the Freelander 2: "Can anything stop the rugged Freelander 2? For the third year on the trot, the British-built machine has steamrollered the opposition to secure the compact SUV honours. Premium looks, refined driving dynamics and unbeatable off-road credentials have all helped the Land Rover maintain its grip on the top spot. If you're looking for the best compact 4x4 by far, then your search ends right here."

Of the Discovery 4, Pinnock continued: "Blending seven-seat practicality, luxury car desirability and unstoppable off-road ability, the big British 4x4 truly is a

family car for all seasons. This year, the all-wheel drive machine's margin of victory was greater than ever, thanks to a mid-life refresh that dealt with its predecessor's few weaknesses."

Land Rover UK's managing director, John Edwards, said: "It's always fantastic to receive positive recognition from the industry for our ever-improving product line-up. However, to win important awards like these, several years running, in what is a highly competitive marketplace, really is testament to the desirability, capability and practicality of our product offering and is something of which we are tremendously proud."

The Freelander 2 is Land Rover's best seller in the UK with sales so far this year up 63 per cent versus the same period in 2009.

For 2011, Land Rover will offer customers more choice with the Freelander 2 model range. On sale in the UK from the end of September 2010, the line-up will benefit from a new 2.2-litre diesel engine available with either 150PS or 190PS outputs, a new look exterior plus interior alterations including new instrument dials and a new Premium Pack option. As an addition, Land Rover will also offer a 2WD derivative which will be available in the UK from January 2011. Prices for the 4WD 2011 Freelander 2 will start from £21,695. Prices for the 2WD version will be announced later this year.

Discovery 4 - the fourth generation of Land Rover's supremely versatile seven-seat vehicle - was introduced last September. Demand has been high for the latest iteration with sales in the UK so far this year up 73 per cent on the same period last year. It features a powerful and highly efficient new TDV6 diesel engine, fresh exterior identity and more premium cabin. The class-leading breadth of capability has been extended even further with dynamic improvements for both road and off-road driving. Prices start from £35,995.

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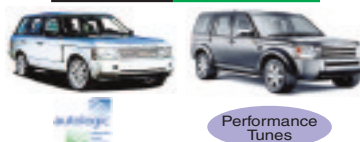
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A recently refurbished 3 bedroom U/F semi-detached cottage in a pretty village setting. Kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room with wood burner, cloakroom/utility, bathroom, O.F.C.H. Off road parking, paved courtyard garden. Prefer no pets. Available immediately. Taunton Office 01823 447355

£650 Per calendar month

Ref: 33446



STOCKLAND

A delightful character cottage situated in a rural location to let over winter period. Fully fitted kitchen with appliances, sitting room, 3 double bedrooms, shower room, bathroom. Allocated parking. No pets/children. Inclusive of all charges. Available Mid October. Honiton Office 01404 42553

£600 Per calendar month

Ref: 34193



BROADHEMBURY

Detached bungalow set in rural location with good sized gardens and garage. Includes kitchen/dining room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms (one en-suite), bathroom, utility, office/playroom. Adjoining property includes 2 bedrooms, bathroom and kitchen. Available end August. Honiton Office 01404 42553

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Ref: 33928

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Ref: 40005



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£475 Per calendar month

Ref: 34093



GREENHAM

A 1 bedroom U/F annexe situated in a lovely rural setting to let on six months plus tenancy. Kitchen area, bedrooms, shower room, large sitting room, parking and garden area. O.F.C.H. Pets considered. Available immediately. Taunton Office 01823 447355

£500 Per calendar month

Ref: 32385



CREECH ST MICHAEL

Well appointed 3 bedroom detached U/F bungalow in popular location. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, 3 double bedrooms (one en-suite), bathroom, carpet, garage, workshop, large gardens, O.F.C.H. double glazed. Pets/children considered. Taunton Office 01823 447355

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Ref: 32484



HEMYOCK

Superbly appointed U/F 4 bedroom detached house. Includes sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, cloakroom, family bathroom, O.F.C.H. Gardens, parking, garage. Pets/children considered. Available early September. Taunton Office 01823 447355

£980 Per calendar month

Ref: 32403